REMARKS

<u>Claims</u>. Claims 26-32 and 56-72 are pending.

Claims 1-25 and 33-55 have been cancelled without prejudice to their future prosecution. Claims 33-55 are pending in parent application S/N 10/216,514.

New Claims 56-72 have been added. Support for the new claims is in the original claims as filed and within the specification. No new matter is added with the addition of the new claims.

Drawings. Formal drawings are submitted herewith. No new matter is added.

<u>Information Disclosure Statement</u>. Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449/PTO. Applicant requests that an initialed copy of Form 1449 indicating consideration of these references by the Examiner be returned to Applicant in the next communication.

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned Attorney if any questions should arise or further discussion would expedite the examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix

Replacement Sheets for Drawings